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Elvin King Inducted Into NCCAA Hall Of Fame

Cedarville College cross country coach Elvin King was inducted into the National Christian College Athletic Association Hall of Fame on March 20. He was honored in ceremonies at the NCCAA National Convention in Marion, Indiana.

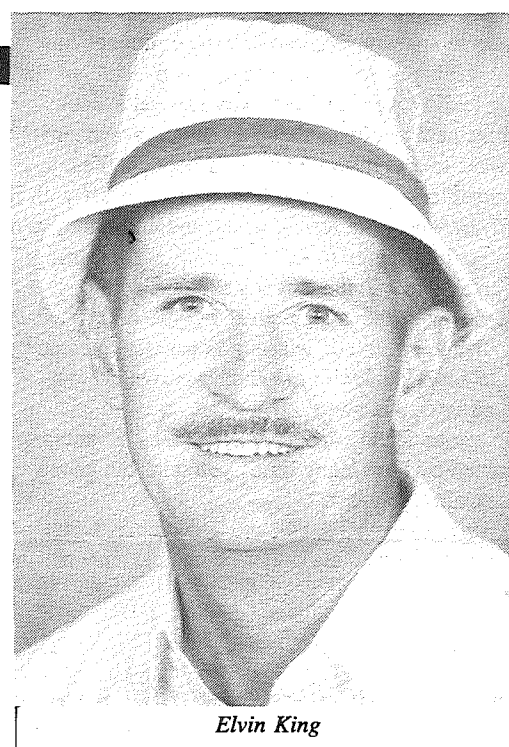
King, who is in his 24th year at Cedarville, was recognized for his contributions to NCCAA track and cross country. During his tenure as the Yellow Jackets track coach from 1969-89, he proposed and initiated the NCCAA national track meet and hosted the event at Cedarville College for its first eight years. He also hosted and directed the NCCAA national cross country meet from 1978 through 1992.

King's teams have won three NCCAA national men's cross country championships and two more in the women's division. In track, his men have claimed four banners while the women have won two. He has coached 113 NCCAA All-Americans in cross country and track.

The NCCAA annually presents the Wheeler Award in both cross country and track to the outstanding male and female Athletes of the Year. King has had seven athletes win that coveted award.

King served many terms as the NCCAA national chairman of both track and cross country, especially in the formative years of track. He recently completed serving a two-year term as president of the Ohio Intercollegiate Cross Country Association.

King, who was inducted into the Cedarville College Athletic Hall of Fame in 1988, becomes the second Yellow Jacket coach to be inducted into the NCCAA Hall of Fame. Yellow Jacket athletic director and men's basketball coach Dr. Don Callan earned the honor last year. ■



Elvin King

Sherman Repeats As NAIA All-American

Track and field standout Stephanie Sherman earned NAIA All-America honors for the third time in her Cedarville College career. The sophomore from Watertown, New York, put forth two All-America efforts (top six finishers) at the NAIA National Indoor Championships in Kansas City, Missouri, on March 5-6.

She finished third in the triple jump at 38 feet, 5.5 inches, and was fourth in the long jump at 18 feet, 2.25 inches.

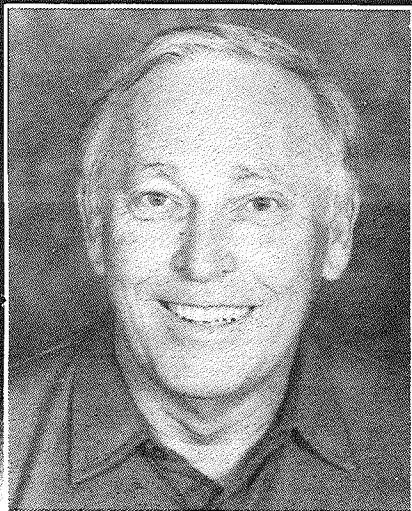
Sherman finished second in the triple jump last year at the meet. She is the defending NAIA national champion in the outdoor triple jump. ■

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Callan's Comments

Dr. Don Callan, Athletic Director

How can we identify who the real winners are? Winning is so temporary. One week you're number one, and the next week you're on the bottom wondering where that winning feeling went and how you can get it back.

Society continually tells us that you can be a winner if you really want to and if you work hard enough. Yes, you can pull yourself up by your own boot straps, so get with it or get out of the way—the rest of us are moving past you to the top. Our society seems to say “winning is everything.” In fact, we are led to believe that it's the *only* thing.

I would agree with that statement if I could define what winning is. The definition of winning is usually relegated to the team or individual who has the highest or lowest score, depending on the game.

Pele, the famous Brazilian soccer star, said, “Success isn't determined by how many times you win, but how you play the week after you lost.”

An unknown author stated, “How a person plays the game shows something of his or her character. How he or she loses shows all of it.”

Martin Luther King, Jr., said, “The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy.”

And then the great John Wooden of UCLA basketball fame said, “If you truly do your best, and only you will know, then you can consider yourself successful. The actual score will be immaterial.”

Life's circumstances still may be tough even though you have played your hardest. You may find yourself on a losing team or with a losing score. However, if you have done your best, hold your head high knowing that you have done all you could to defeat your opponent. You will learn from your experience and the next time out you will be even tougher than before.

In sports, as in life, you must expose yourself to failure if you want progress toward higher goals. Don't be afraid to step out and face new horizons and new challenges. Just do the best you can. You may become a winner in more ways than one. ■

Summer Camp Dates Set

Cedarville College will be offering summer camps in four separate sports this summer. Camp eligibility is based upon the 1993-94 school year.

A girls basketball camp starts our summer line-up on June 28 and runs through July 2. It will be open to all girls in the seventh grade through high school. Lady Jacket head coach Kathy Freese, who has 22 years of coaching experience, will direct the camp.

The boys cross country camp will be on July 5-9 with the girls cross country camp to follow on July 12-16. Both camps are open to runners in grades 9-12 and will be directed by Yellow Jacket coach Elvin King, who has over 25 years of coaching experience.

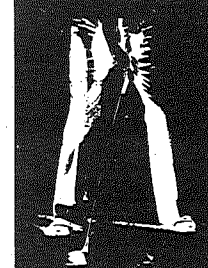
The boys basketball camp is available for all boys in the

fifth grade through high school and will be held on July 19-23. Camp director Don Callan recently completed his 33rd year as head coach of the Yellow Jackets.

The camp schedule concludes with the girls volleyball camp on July 26-30. It is open to girls in seventh grade through high school. Lady Jacket coach Elaine Brown, who has over 15 years of coaching experience, will direct the camp.

Different commuter and resident fees apply for each camp, and some special camper discounts are available. For more information and a brochure, contact: Yellow Jacket Sports Camps, Cedarville College, P.O. Box 601, Cedarville, Ohio, 45314, 513-766-7755. ■

Three Golf Outings Coming Up



Cedarville College will again host three separate golf outings this summer. Two of them occur on the same weekend.

The Yellow Jacket Club golf outing will be staged on July 23-24 at the Locust Hills Golf Course near Springfield. Friday's events include a nine-hole sudden death shootout. Saturday features an 18-hole tournament including flights in both the men's and women's divisions plus a cookout. All interested Yellow Jacket fans, as well as past and present athletes, are encouraged to take part. Anyone interested in the event can contact tournament director Elvin King at Cedarville College, P.O. Box 601, Cedarville, Ohio, 45314, 513-766-7758.

The Sixth Annual Cedarville College Four-Man Scramble will be held on Friday, July 23, at the Reid Park North Course in Springfield. The day features a cookout, plus team and individual prizes. Last year, 27 teams participated.

The 21st Annual Cedarville College Open will be played on September 9-10 at the Reid Park North and South Course as well as the Locust Hills Golf Course. This 36-hole event has drawn as many as 465 golfers in one year and includes prizes for 11 flights, a seniors division, an all-you-can-eat buffet following the first round, and a chapel program with Cedarville College president, Dr. Paul Dixon.

For more information on the Cedarville Scramble or the Cedarville College Open, contact tournament director Mark Womack at Cedarville College, P.O. Box 601, Cedarville, Ohio, 45314, 513-766-7766. ■

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Seniors Pace Cagers To 23-9 Season

Cedarville College rolled to its sixth straight 20-win season with a 23-9 record. The Yellow Jackets tied for third in the MOC at 9-5 and head coach Don Callan completed his 33rd season with a 537-397 record.

Cedarville was riding high midway through January at 17-2 and ranked #11 nationally in NAIA Division I. However, back-to-back last second home losses to Tiffin and Rio Grande late in the season dropped the Jackets out of the poll and hurt their chances for at least an at-large bid to the NAIA Nationals.

NAIA All-American Ken Rucker averaged 24.5 points and 12.2 rebounds while shooting .634 from the field to rank among the national leaders in all three categories. He set school records for most free throws made (177) and attempted (258) in a single season, breaking the old marks set 29 years ago by Dozier Carter (163 of 239).

Senior forward Jaden Callahan averaged 18.3 points and finished his career sixth among Cedarville's all-time scorers with 1,798 points. He is the Jackets career leader in three-pointers made (186) and attempted (448).

Two other seniors left their mark on the program. David Barnes finished his career with 1,051 points, while Mark Combs scored 1,009 points and became Cedarville's all-time leader in assists with 495.

Yellow Jacket basketball was a big draw in the Athletic Center once again with 26,112 fans attending the 14 home games. Cedarville averaged 1,865 for the season including



Jaden Callahan, the Yellow Jackets all-time leader in three-point field goals, launches another bomb during Cedarville's 89-76 win over Mid-Ohio Conference champion Walsh University.

an average of 2,678 on Saturday nights. A record crowd of 3,376 showed up for the Li'l Sibs Weekend game on February 13 against Tiffin.

The only starter not graduating this year is 6-2 senior El Seabra. He was the third leading scorer with 12.3 points per game and shot 51 percent from the field. ■



Lady Jackets Streak To 18-10 Record

One word would sum up the 1992-93 Lady Jacket basketball season—streaky.

Cedarville's 18-10 campaign opened with two losses before the club ran off a school-record 13 straight victories. Six consecutive losses were followed by five straight wins. But the women finished their season with back-to-back setbacks in NCCAA and NAIA tournament play.

Coach Kathy Freese's team was ranked as high as 23rd nationally in NAIA Division II when they were 13-2 following the memorable winning streak. The Jackets were also rated as high as third in the NCCAA and finished fourth of eight schools in the Mid-Ohio Conference with an 8-6 mark.

NAIA All-American Amy Zehr provided solid leadership on and off the floor. She averaged 24.7 points and 14.0 rebounds to rank fourth in both categories nationally in the NAIA. She shot .601 from the field and .684 at the line.

Another key to the success of the team was the play of freshman point guard Melissa Hartman. She averaged 14.4 points per game—the most by a Lady Jacket rookie since all-time leading scorer Vicki Butler hit for 16.7 points in 1976-77. Hartman also averaged 4.0 assists per game and shot .739 from the free throw line, both team highs.

Senior guard Mindy Humble completed her career with 8.5 points per game. She ranked second in assists with 91.

Cedarville won its own invitational as well as the Wilmington Tournament. The Lady Jackets were also 12-2 at home including a 78-68 win over defending MOC champion Shawnee State.

The women were seeded #2 in the NCCAA District III playoffs, but were knocked off at home 77-63 by Oakland City (Ind.) in the semifinals. The Jackets were then seeded #5 in the eight-team NAIA District 22 Division II field, but their season ended with a loss at Tiffin, 78-65.



Amy Zehr displays the inside touch that earned her a spot on the NAIA Division II All-American first team.

Besides all the honors that Zehr received this year, Hartman and classmate Becky Cave were both named to the All-MOC Freshmen team. Cinnamon Brown, who carries a 3.97 GPA in English, was selected to the MOC and NAIA District 22 Division II Scholar-Athlete squads. ■

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Zehr, Rucker End Careers As NAIA All-Americans



Each was a prolific scorer, a tenacious rebounder, and simply one of the best to ever play the game at Cedarville College. Both were determined and aggressive on the floor, yet they are well-respected student-athletes on campus. They are the Yellow Jackets' basketball NAIA All-Americans—Amy Zehr and Ken Rucker.

Zehr, a 5-9 senior forward from Fort Wayne, Indiana, was named to the NAIA Division II All-America first team. She became Cedarville's first female to earn the honor. Rucker, a 6-3 senior forward from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, was selected to the NAIA Division I All-America third team.

Zehr ranked third nationally in scoring with 24.7 points per game, fourth in rebounding with a 14.0 average, and fifth in field goal percentage with .601 accuracy. She was named the NAIA District 22 Division II and Mid-Ohio Conference Player of the Year after leading the Lady Jackets to an 18-10 record.

"It was a surprising year for me," Zehr remarked when asked to sum up her final season. "I thought I had a good year last season (15.8 points and 11.2 rebounds per game). I didn't think I could top that."

"Amy had a phenomenal year," added Lady Jacket coach Kathy Freese. "She really upped her game to another level and I'm thrilled for what she has accomplished. She is a quality person and a student-athlete that can be a model for all others here at Cedarville."

Zehr's 1,049 rebounds rate first on the Lady Jackets' all-time list and she is the school's third leading scorer with 1,642 points. She holds school records for most rebounds in a season with 377, and single-game marks for most points (41), rebounds (26), and steals (8).

Rucker was also among the national statistical leaders for the Yellow Jacket men. He was eighth in scoring at 24.5 points per game, third on the boards with 12.2 rebounds, and tenth in field goal percentage with a .634 mark.

Rucker was also named the NAIA District 22 Division I and Mid-Ohio Conference Player of the Year after pacing the Jackets to a 23-9 record for their sixth straight 20-win season. Cedarville was 96-41 during Rucker's career.

"Ken was one of the best all-around players I have ever had in my 33 years at Cedarville College," stated Yellow Jacket head coach Don Callan. "He was a multidimensional athlete who had a nose for the ball. Our fans loved to watch him play." Callan adds, "More importantly, however, Ken developed as a person. He was a raw talent when he came out of Philly by way of Plumstead Christian High School. He has had to work hard for everything he has ever gotten whether it be on the basketball floor or in the classroom. I'm sure God will continue to bless his determination."

Rucker amassed 2,281 points and 1,200 rebounds in his career. Even though he finished as the school's number two scorer and was fourth in rebounding, he is the only Yellow Jacket player in the school's 80-plus year basketball history to surpass 2,000 points and 1,000 rebounds.

Amy Zehr and Ken Rucker are similar not only in their styles of play and in their accomplishments, but also in

their humbleness. They both turned conversation back around to the team and fans.

"Everyone I was around, more than just the players, was so encouraging," said Zehr. "That's one thing that makes Cedarville so special—the people."

Rucker was just as complimentary to those around him by saying, "The unity of our team was so close. I had never experienced that before, especially my junior year (27-7 as Mid-Ohio Conference champions). That was the best bunch of guys I ever played with."

Zehr's and Rucker's similarities don't stop there. Both plan to return home.

Zehr has accepted a job as a 4th grade teacher at Blackhawk Christian School—her alma mater—in Fort Wayne. She also plans to get married in the summer of '94.

Rucker, who came from a tough background in inner city Philadelphia, wants to return there following graduation to work with area youth. He wants to organize a basketball team where the players have to attend a Bible study if they want to play.

"I experienced such a team when I was a teenager and it changed my life," Rucker declared. "I want to be able to build into the lives of young people that

came from the same background I did."

Coaches don't immediately replace players like Amy Zehr and Ken Rucker. For now, though, each has left an example at Cedarville College that other Yellow Jacket athletes can at least pursue—one of determination on the floor and commitment in the classroom. ■



Ken Rucker and Amy Zehr are two of the best to ever grace the Cedarville College hardwood.

Spring Sports Notes

- The 12th Annual Cedarville College Golf Invitational was played on April 2 at the Reid Park North Course in Springfield. Tee time temperatures were in the low 30's with the wind chill even lower. The Yellow Jackets, whose only win in their own tournament came in the inaugural event in 1982, finished third in the 13-team field. Henry Roy led the way with an 81 eight shots behind the medalist score.
- Cedarville College served as host of three track and field events during the season. That list included the Cedarville Open on April 13, the Mid-Ohio Conference Championships on April 30, and the NCCAA Nationals on May 8.
- The Lady Jacket tennis team won its first five matches of the year in an impressive fashion. In those victories, they lost only one singles match and five sets total. Coach Pam Diehl's team will defend their NAIA District 22 title with hopes of returning to the national tournament in Overland Park, Kansas.
- Coach Murray Murdoch's men's netters won 14 of their first 15 outings and were ranked 20th in the NAIA. Their lone blemish was their first loss to Wittenberg in seven years. Croatian native Sino Rasberger is rated 44th nationally in NAIA singles, while he and senior Matt Kibble are 20th in doubles. The Yellow Jackets have hopes of making their annual trip to the national event in Kansas City.
- On the diamond, the Yellow Jackets were 3-9 through April 15 under first-year coach Norris Smith. In softball, Kathy Freese directed her squad to a 9-12 mark through the first half of the season.
- Call the Yellow Jacket Sports Line for the latest in Cedarville College sports seven days a week, 24 hours a day, at 513-766-8800. Watch for a complete report of the spring sports season in the summer issue of **The STING**.

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